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# THE BUGLE BOY



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## WHAT'S UP in South Florida & USSOUTHCOM

Tabletop  
GableStage at the Biltmore  
Sunday, March 16, 2pm/7pm  
\$11, FMV - \$35

Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks  
Coconut Grove Playhouse  
Saturday, March 22, 2pm  
\$16, FMV - \$40-\$45

Harmonica Spectacular\*  
Lincoln Theatre  
Sunday, March 23, 5 pm  
Various Prices

Command Field Day  
Friday, March 28



EPCOT Center  
Saturday, March 29, 6am-7pm  
Adults \$49 Children (3-9) \$39

MGM Studios  
Saturday, April 5, time TBA  
Adults \$49 Children (3-9) \$39

Music Over the Centuries\*  
Sunday, April 6, 5 pm  
Lincoln Theatre  
Various Prices

Airboat Trip  
Saturday, April 19  
info TBA

Spring Picnic  
Saturday, April 26

Brahm's Double\*  
Gusman Theatre  
Saturday, April 12, 8 pm  
Various Prices

Once Removed  
Coconut Grove Playhouse  
Sunday, April 27, 7 pm  
\$16, FMV - \$40-\$45



\* All Florida Philharmonic performances are 50% off regular ticket prices  
FMV = Fair Market Value

### MWR Events and Trips:

Boulevard of Broken Dreams  
Coconut Grove Playhouse  
Saturday, March 1, 2 pm  
\$16, FMV - \$40-\$55

The Unexpected Man  
Coconut Grove Playhouse  
Saturday, March 8, 8:30 pm  
\$16, FMV - \$40-\$45



Animal Kingdom  
Saturday, March 15, 6am-5pm  
Adults \$49 Children (3-9) \$39

*All tickets are non-refundable. Do your research before purchasing tickets at the ITR. We do our best to offer the lowest prices possible. Our tickets are purchased at the regular group rate or below, but some venues have seasonal sales with lower prices. When you purchase tickets from the ITR you are not paying tax which you might pay on-line. Tickets may or may not reflect a handling fee, which the ITR sometimes pays. Occasionally, free tickets may become available to an event for which we have already purchased and sold tickets. We cannot foresee these donations. Thank you for your understanding.*



## Health & Fitness Classes

MWR offers free Health and Fitness Classes on a monthly basis. Register at the Fitness Center. Stay in shape:

### **Sports Nutrition**

Thursday, March 27, 12-1 pm

HQ, Conference Room 2412. BYO Lunch

### **Basic Back**

Thursday, March 24, 12-1 pm

HQ, Conference Room 2412, BYO Lunch

## Parenting Classes

Mercy Hospital offers many classes at little or no cost. Of special interest to new parents are Home With Baby classes. Other classes include: Infant Massage, Infant CPR, Pre and Postnatal Yoga, Working Mothers Support Group, Toddlers Support Group, "Me and My Dad" class and Couples Relaxation Group. For more information, please call (305) 285-2929 or visit <http://mercymiami.com/english/news/Feb%20Comm%20Calendar%20'03.html>

## MILITARY DISCOUNTS

Butterfly World offers military with ID a 25% discount OFF general admission prices of \$14.95 per adult/\$9.95 per child. Located at 3600 W. Sample Road, Coconut Creek, Florida 33073.

Butterfly World has been voted one of the best in the country by "Child's Magazine" as the "coolest nature spot for kids!"

<http://www.butterflyworld.com>

The Wolfsonian, a museum of modern art and design, located at 1001 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, <http://www.wolfsonian.fiu.edu/>, offers all military and all USSOUTHCOM employees two for one tickets. \$5 for first ticket, second ticket is free.

## SNOW IN MIAMI?

Santa Claus arrived at USSOUTHCOM by helicopter on 14 December 2003. A huge crowd of 600+ welcomed Santa to the Children's Holiday Party "Under the Big Top." Kite flying, crafts and face painting were some of the many fun activities for USSOUTHCOM children and their parents who attended, despite the huge snow-storm. Many won prizes for the hula hoop contests games played to the tunes of a great DJ and created unique, hand-made holiday ornaments at the crafts table.



Presents and photos with Santa were given to all of the children. We are truly grateful to the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., for its generous sponsorship of the party. Be sure to attend next year's Children's Holiday Party.

USSOUTHCOM twin chats with Santa

## LIONS, TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY!



Who are those masked USSOUTHCOM kids?

A great time was had by all who attended the 2 November 2003 Fall Picnic at Miami MetroZoo. It was a beautiful, sunny, south Florida day with fine barbecue and great music provided by "Billie Bones" one-man jazz band.

Over 400 participated in bingo, played midway games, and received some early holiday shopping coupons. Mark your calendars for 26 April for the spring picnic.



Check out Military.com! On the web, go to <http://www.military.com/Page/0,12170,1-00-0,00.htm> and sign up for free membership. View their discounts page at <http://www.military.com/eCommerce/DealIndex/?loc=L1>.

## WANTED-HOMESTEAD SPOUSE VOLUNTEER

Are you an energetic 'people-person' who loves having people over for coffee? Then USSOUTHCOM NEEDS YOU! A Volunteer Zip Code Group Coordinator is needed for the Homestead Coffee Group. Groups usually meet monthly at members' homes or local restaurants. The Coordinator sends out meeting invitations and organizes activities (Family Support Center provides labels and use of our copier). If you are a good organizer, have special skills (like arts & crafts) that you love to share, this volunteer position is for you. Please contact Mary Ortiz, Volunteer Coordinator, at 305 437-2667 if you are interested or for more information.



## E-Info: Check the Internet for Community Happenings

Looking for something to do? South Florida has lots to offer.

Go to <http://floridagoldcoast.com/> for extensive information on museums, beaches, attractions, night life and restaurants.

Many museums offer free admission on one day/night per week.

For a listing of South Florida museums go to: <http://floridagoldcoast.com/activities/mus.htm>.

### **Bass Museum of Art -**

<http://www.bassmuseum.org/>  
2121 Park Avenue, Miami Beach  
305.673.7530. Free on ArtsBeach, second Thursday evenings 6-9 pm.

**Museum of Art -** <http://www.museumofart.org/>  
One East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale  
954-525-5500. Free admission the second Tuesday of each month.

### **The Art Museum at Florida International University -**

<http://www.fiu.edu/~museum/index.html>  
SW 107th Avenue & SW 8th Street, Miami.  
All exhibitions and events are FREE. The Art Museum has an outstanding free lecture series.

The **Miami-Dade Public Library System** offers a variety of free youth programs and special events throughout the year. Programs include storytelling, puppet shows, festivals, summer reading activities, author visits, arts and crafts, homework help, bilingual story times, story hours for toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children and more.



There is an annual Spring Storytelling Festival and a Bookmark Contest held during Children's Book Week, with the winning design reproduced and distributed to patrons throughout the year. Go to <http://www.mdpls.org/kids&teens/kids&teens>.

Looking for Children's Activities in Broward? Check on the web at: <http://www.fll.net/kids.htm> for information on area attractions.

For last minute two for one tickets, go to <http://www.culturalconnection.org/searchoptions.cfm>. Note the site charges a \$4.50 service fee per ticket.

## EMERGENCY #'S FOR YOUR FAMILY

Police/Fire/Rescue - 911

Family Emergency

(305) 437-2665/2734

Financial Emergency

(305) 437-2645

Deployment Family Support

(305) 437-2665

Domestic Violence/Child Abuse

(305) 437-2734

NOTE: Each number above may be reached toll-free at 888-547-4025. The American Red Cross is YOUR weekend and after hours emergency contact for family and financial emergencies. In Miami-Dade 305 644-1200. In Broward 954 763-9900.

Routine and crisis referrals to civilian resources are available 24-hours per day at 305 358-HELP in Miami-Dade and 954 467-6333 in Broward.

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE AND  
TAPE TO YOUR PHONE  
OR REFRIGERATOR

## MILITARY FAMILY ACTION PLAN CONFERENCE - 27 March 2003

HEADQUARTERS • 7.30am - 5.00pm

If you or someone you know at USSOUTHCOM has an issue you wish to be considered at the MFAP, please complete the requested information and return to Mary Ortiz via fax to 305 437-2672, email [ortizm@hq.southcom.mil](mailto:ortizm@hq.southcom.mil), shotgun to Mary Ortiz at USAG-DCA, US mail to Mary Ortiz, USSOUTHCOM, USAG-DCA, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172. Zip Code Coffee Groups, please distribute.

### MILITARY FAMILY ACTION PLAN ISSUE CARD

1. CLEARLY STATE ISSUE OR PROBLEM: (WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?)

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2. SCOPE: (BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY THIS ISSUE IS A PROBLEM?)

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3. SUGGESTED SOLUTION: (RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGE)

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Your contact information can be provided in the event the issue you provide needs clarification (Name/Telephone Number):

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Please clip or copy and return to Mary Ortiz



## HOLIDAY DOOR JUDGING



PBO took first place in the Holiday Door Judging, winning a \$150 pizza party. PBO's theme "WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER," was selected for its patriotism, thoughtfulness and creativity. A \$100 pizza party went to the J2 Maritime Team for second place, with special recognition for enthusiasm and comradery. The Clinic took third place for a great effort, receiving a \$75 party. Thanks to everyone who participated!



✓ MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDARS!

**Command Field Day:**  
*Friday, March 28*

**DeCA Tent Sale:**  
*April 3, 4, and 5*

**Spring Picnic:**  
*Saturday, April 26*

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER CLASSES & EVENTS

Newcomer's Briefing  
Friday, March 7, 8 am-12:15 pm  
USAG-Miami

Pre-Separation Briefing  
(Required prior to TAP)  
Wednesday, March 12, 2:30-4 pm  
USAG-Miami

Marketing Yourself for a 2nd Career  
Friday, March 14, 9-11 am  
Miami-Dade Firefighters Building

Miami Tour  
Friday, March 14, 9 am-3:45 pm  
Meet at FSC 8300 NW 33rd St Ste 110

Small Business Program and Services  
Seminar  
U. S. Small Business Administration  
Friday, March 14th 2-4 pm  
La Quinta Hotel

Pre-Separation Briefing  
(Required prior to TAP)  
Wednesday, March 26, 2:30-4 pm  
USAG-Miami

Military Family Action Plan  
Conference  
Thursday, March 27, 7:30 am-5 pm  
USSOUTHCOM HQ

Healthy Credit - Dos/Don'ts of Credit  
Use  
Thursday, March 27, 2:30-4pm  
USAG-M Education Center

Newcomer's Briefing  
Friday, April 4, 8 am-12:15 pm  
USAG-Miami

Miami Tour  
Friday, April 11, 9 am-3:45 pm  
Meet at FSC 8300 NW 33rd St Ste 110

Pre-Separation Briefing  
Wednesday, April 16, 2:30 pm-4 pm  
(Required prior to TAP)  
USAG-M

IRAs and Tax-deferred Education  
Accounts  
Thursday, April 17, 2:30-4pm  
USAG-Miami Education Center

Basics of Personal Finance  
Thursday, April 24, 2:30-4pm  
USAG-Miami Education Center

TAP Workshop  
Transition Assistance  
Tuesday, April 29 - Thursday, May 1  
8 am-4 pm  
La Quinta Hotel

For further information or to register,  
please call 305 437-2665.

Child care subsidy fees will increase effective 3 March 2003. For a copy of the schedule of current fees and providers, go to [www.southcom.mil/usag-miami/fsc\\_youth.htm](http://www.southcom.mil/usag-miami/fsc_youth.htm).

**To report Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect or Spouse Abuse  
contact Family Advocacy at (305) 437-2734.  
After duty hours contact (305)437-4900.**

# Spouses Corner

## USSOUTHCOM Community Information Meeting (SCCIM)

SCCIM is held the first week of each month. This will enable the Zip Code Coffee Group Coordinators to disseminate the information from the SCCIM to the zip code coffee groups. As a reminder, all spouses are encouraged to submit concerns/issues to your area zip code coordinator. Our purpose is to share ideas and make living in South Florida an enriching experience. Upcoming meetings: at 1000 hrs. Codina Building, Main Conference Room.

## Zip Code Coffee Groups POC

Kendall, Hammocks, etc.

- Laura Gill etc.
- Debbie Karl (305) 233-1767

Weston, Davie, Plantation, Fort Lauderdale,

Coral Springs and North:

- Cheryl Dunnells (954) 659-9948

Pembroke Pines, Cooper City, Hollywood, and Miramar:

- Deborah Kellner (954) 436-0563
- Kathy Whitehead (954) 438-8254

Doral, North Dade:

- Heather Tuttle (305) 597-0517
- Patsy Barrier (786) 845-3073

## Need To Know Numbers

### Directorate of Community Activities (DCA)

Director, Sheryl Byrd (305) 437-2720  
Administration, Vilma Lesesne (305) 437-2715  
Website: <http://www.southcom.mil/usag-miami/index.htm>  
E-mail: [deacustomerservice@hq.southcom.mil](mailto:deacustomerservice@hq.southcom.mil)  
Toll Free Hot Line: 1 888-547-4025

### Substance Abuse Program (SAP)/Employee

#### Assistance, SAP

Officer, Guy Drab (305) 437-3078

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### Recreation Division

Fitness Center (305) 437-1152  
Better Opportunity for Single Service Members (BOSS),  
President ISSN Jennifer Boise (305) 437-2171  
Recreation Assistant,  
Jill Hauser (305) 437-1595  
Recreation Assistant,  
Maria Rosado Trenché (305) 437-1595  
Marketing and Sponsorship,  
Helen Colby (305) 437-2639

### Family Support Division (FSD)

FSD Officer, Victoria DuBois (305) 437-2644  
Secretary, Peggy Corpman (305) 437-2665  
Consumer Affairs/Emergency Financial  
Assistance, Richard Zimmelman (305) 437-2645  
Employment Readiness/  
Transition Assistance Program/  
Notary Public, Marva Creary (305) 437-2671  
Exceptional Famil Member/Family  
Advocacy Program Manager,  
Dana Cekauskas, LCSW (305) 437-2734  
Information & Referral/Child Care  
Subsidy, Leyda Cruz (305) 437-2633  
Relocation Readiness Program,  
Jennifer Harms (305) 437-2723  
Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Ortiz (305) 437-2667

### USSOUTHCOM Clinic

Office hours: 0730-1630  
For appointments call (305) 437-3559  
Services TRICARE enrolled members.  
TRICARE Service Center 8385 Pines Blvd.  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33024 (954) 443-6793 or  
1-800-700-8593  
Family Counseling Center (305) 437-3086  
Housing Referral (305) 437-2656  
Education Services (305) 437-1141  
Carlson Wagonlit (305) 437-1746  
Veterinary Services (305) 437-1304  
(POC - Ms. Estes)  
Opa-Locka USCG Vet Svcs. (305) 953-2195  
(POC - SK2 Young)

U.S. Southern Command  
Family Support Center  
Attn: USAG/FSC  
3511 NW 91st Avenue  
Miami, FL 33172